

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUZICKA.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 40(a) of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the conservation commission.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 40(a), to read as follows:

Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all other property owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and establishment thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall be vested in a conservation commission consisting of [four] **eight** members appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than [two] **four** of whom shall be of the same political party, **and with each member residing in a different region under the map of eight regions in use by the conservation commission as of December 1, 2011.** The members shall have knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation. The members shall hold office for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July [of consecutive odd years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years before and one two

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

12 years after the concurrent terms]. **The starting and ending years of the terms shall be**
13 **staggered such that no more than three terms shall end in the same year. Members may**
14 **be reappointed but may not serve more than two terms or twelve years, whichever occurs**
15 **first.** If the governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members shall fill
16 the vacancy for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or other compensation
17 for their services as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses
18 incurred while actually engaged in the discharge of their official duties.

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